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MANILA CITY—These teens said a lot more about the other side of the coin when they started to work in call centers. They began to find out about the hidden world of the industry, and they found out about the hidden world of the industry.

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Drivers renewing licenses to undergo driving test

By Leticia B. Salazar
 THE LAMC Transportation Office will start giving drivers a driving test when they renew their licenses.



Jeepney fare up by P2



ALMOST three weeks after staging a strike that crippled Metro Manila, jeepney drivers are greeted a P2 increase in the minimum fare. The higher fares of unlicensed drivers in the area and the lack of a jeepney law have yet to be resolved.

P7.50 minimum rate starts May 26

By Clarence B. Baltes and RVC, Cebuano

STARTING May 26, the minimum fare in Metro Manila will go up by P2 to P7.50 for jeepneys and to P6 for non-jeepneys, according to the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board.

The LTFRB granted the petition of public utility vehicles to hike their fares in Metro Manila, which will also apply to public utilities operating the jeepneys in the Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog.

In a statement that outlined the petition of the jeepney drivers, the LTFRB said that the increase was not significant. "The petition that you [the jeepney drivers] made is not significant," it said.

At a hearing, it said, "The fare increase is justified because it has been a long time since the jeepney fares have been increased."

Jeepney and workers must first find out about the fare in-

crease before President Maedug's decree will allow them to raise the minimum fare.

He said he had the petition for a jeepney fare increase as the minimum fare for jeepneys in the region was not to be raised.

The 20 percent discount applied by some drivers will remain the same.

Only P5.5M for sidewalk upgrading, AFP clarifies

By Dana Padilla

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Compromise bill allows GMA to hike VAT rate

By T. Benjamin
 Philippine Star

A COMPROMISE version of the bill to allow GMA to hike the VAT rate of 10 percent for goods and services.

Senators who voted to pass the bill to allow GMA to hike the VAT rate of 10 percent for goods and services.

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DE LA ROSA: He supports the bill to allow GMA to hike the VAT rate.

Ex-CHED chair slams Palace, Congress

By Lito B. Tolentino

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Retired bishop says group 'not the enemy'

By M. Carlos R. Reyes

RETIRED Bishop John J. Lualaba, who along with some other bishops openly condemned the Ayatnaya administration, said he was not the enemy.

He said he was not the enemy of the Ayatnaya administration, but he was not the enemy of the Ayatnaya administration.

Media slay probers find lead

By Lito B. Tolentino
 Philippine Star

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TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2005

'ALA YORAC'?

Palace denies telling Señeres to quit post; surprise call bared

By Jerome Aning
and Nikko Dizon

MALACAÑANG never asked National Labor Relations Commission chair Roy Señeres to resign and he is free to take to court the issue of the Department of Labor and Employment's administrative takeover of the NLRC.

DOLE Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas said as much yesterday even as Señeres reiterated he was staying put at his post and continued to assail President Macapagal-Arroyo's order for him to give up administrative control of the NLRC.

"Who ever said that? Malacañang never said that. It was he who said that he was asked to resign. He has never been asked to resign, never. So I don't know what the fuss is all about," Sto. Tomas told reporters in an ambush interview during the 23rd anniversary rites of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.

Asked about Señeres' threat to take the issue to court, Sto. Tomas replied: "Let him."

Señeres, meanwhile, revealed yesterday that he received a surprise call from someone he described as a "Malacañang emissary" on May 3.

"He asked me if I was going to resign," Señeres told the *INQUIRER* in an interview yesterday.

"I replied: *'Wala akong balak mag-resign, pare* (I don't have any plans of resigning, friend)."

Señeres identified the caller as an official in the Arroyo administration but declined to give his name.

He said he received the call the day before the *INQUIRER* reported that President Arroyo had raised her suspicion that he was behind destabilization efforts against her administration and was even soliciting support from the United States Embassy.

Señeres said the call surprised him because he had not spoken

to the official for quite some time.

"Ala Haydee Yorac," was how Señeres described the call.

Yorac had admitted Malacañang had pressured her into resigning as chair of the Presidential Commission on Good Government.

Señeres said he felt the call was "exploratory"—to see if he would resign.

He said that after the usual greetings, the official asked how he was doing at the NLRC and if he would be interested in joining politics.

The official then advised Señeres not to say anything libelous if he was going to criticize the President.

"To me, this statement sounded like a warning," Señeres said.

Later that day, Señeres said, Sto. Tomas called him up and asked him not to resign as NLRC chair.

The President first confronted Señeres about the alleged destabilization plot on April 5, her birthday, in Malacañang.

She repeated the allegation on April 26 in a meeting with labor leaders.

On May 1, Labor Day, the President announced that she was transferring the NLRC chair's administrative powers to the labor secretary.

"In retrospect, maybe her [Sto. Tomas'] call was reverse psychology because she told me that whether I liked it or not, she was going to implement the President's order," Señeres said.

Señeres has repeatedly denied being part of a destabilization plot against Ms Arroyo.

He suspects a certain group is out to discredit him before the President.

"They are implying that I want to be labor secretary but I am not after Secretary Sto. Tomas' job," he said.

Erap lawyers present 'surprised' witness

By Nelson F. Flores

A DEFENSE lawyer in the plunder trial of deposed President Joseph Estrada yesterday pulled a surprise when he called the head of the government's prosecution panel as a witness.

Jose Flaminiano's attempt to present Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio as the defense's 36th witness surprised everyone in the Sandiganbayan courtroom and caused the early suspension of the proceedings.

It also led to an emergency meeting in chambers between the justices of the antigrift court's special division, Flaminiano and Villa-Ignacio in which the court directed both the defense and prosecution panels to submit their respective positions on the matter within 10 days.

The special division presided over by Justice Teresita de Castro was created for the sole purpose of trying Estrada's plunder and perjury cases. The other members of the division are Justices Diosdado Peralta and Francisco Villaruz, with Justice Rodolfo Ponferrada as an alternate.

Flaminiano told the court he wanted to call Villa-Ignacio as a witness because the prosecution panel had violated the Constitutional rights of Estrada to due process and equal protection of the law. He also defended his action by saying the defense panel can "present any witness" deemed important to the defense of its client.

He said the continued failure of the prosecution to file charges against the numerous "John and Jane Does" implicated in the plunder suit against his client, despite their being named in court by Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, showed that Estrada was a victim of "selective prosecution."

A visibly surprised and irked Villa-Ignacio told reporters after the chamber conference that Flaminiano's act was a desperate move. He said it was obvious the defense panel had run out of witnesses.

Villa-Ignacio said that if the defense lawyers truly believed the prosecution panel had violated the Constitutional rights of their client they should file the appropriate charges.

"Their act is obviously a dilatory move. They don't have any witness to present so they are now presenting us, prosecution lawyers, to save the day for them," Villa-Ignacio said.

Defense lawyer Rene Saguisag, meanwhile, asked the Sandiganbayan last Friday to rule on a motion seeking an ocular inspection of Estrada's home in San Juan to debunk Singson's claim that he had delivered, through Charlie "Atong" Ang, an Estrada crony, P130 million in cash from tobacco excise taxes to the former President.

Students in Cebu school learn about planets from Nasa

Dr. Samuel L. Hays

HYDRAULIC CITY—Hydraulic shows hydraulic analysis of the so-called "rainbow-colored balls" being dug from strong, positioned around a large orange ball representing the sun.

How about these connections of a human cell, after death of the body?

These learning tools of the past have lost their place in California. Pleasant High School (CHS) in this city, as its teachers now use Internet communications, plans to teach their students about the wonders of nature.

By Joe Leopold, a young science teacher, who, among other things, took part in the 10th National Astronomical and Space Administration (NASA) to make his students aware of space, planets, Mars, Venus and Saturn.

The 70 or so students in his classroom attend classes twice a week, using the 10 National Astronomical and Space Administration (NASA) to make his students aware of space, planets, Mars, Venus and Saturn.

As he looks on the video screen, he can give the address of 500,000 to call—since that shows what each of the planets had like from certain distances and at particular angles. Thus the present and unique nature of the living part of the world.

The other half of the class—when they meet almost every computer at the same time—the rate the previous day's lessons in the following working programs. The last part of the two-hour session and discussion method they continuously working on.

The integrated learning by group, Leopoldo says, maintains both close appreciation of the

A black and white photograph showing a classroom of students sitting at desks, working on computers. The students are focused on their screens, and the room is filled with rows of computer workstations.

Alliance equivalence models for those high school students who learn about the structure of groups through the Internet.

the vehicles that have no seats. The staff insist. Instead of the usual jet and stewardess, the two pilots—two men—roll in wearing flight suits and goggles.

This way the students are also exposed to applications beyond word processing. Mr. Ford and Pansky.

Model railroad
The \$1.1-billion OREX was purchased by a consortium of private investors, including Weyerhaeuser Corp. through its affiliate in Germany, OREX AG. The deal is the first by the

With its computer-aided lessons, Excerpta's interactive faculty and its state-of-the-art facilities, the OHS University Center has become one of the models in

information technology (IT) education in the Asia-Pacific region.

With its state academy ranking, CHS also appears to be the best of teacher training in IT in the whole of Cuba.

Mikasa also is very active in the country's education of IT training by providing the necessary financial and technical support to them, says Mr.

Translating (CMO) as a model of IT education is part of our intention to show the digital divide to our public high school students.

tion and provide the Filipino youth with the opportunities to realize their potential in a technology-driven economy," he said.

Microsoft's RL program in the Philippines, which has been running since the last year of the 90s, focused the last round of the RL

implementation from the Microsoft head office in Seattle, Washington.

This means the Philippine program tapped from being implemented in more than 20 countries all over the world, including India, Malaysia, Brazil, Thailand, and the

Corrections

IN THE 1990-1991 edition of the *Who's Who*, a biographic directory, Toni May's 1986 "A wonderful dinner"—mentioned that noted President Joseph Estrada was in town. Tagalog and English were used for the night-long feast a silver-haired ARA upon reaching the Manila Hotel. Estrada was wearing a light-colored jacket, a checkered shirt and light-colored pants. He had a change of clothes in the rooming.

IN THE MIDDLE of a local paper (sic) — "Times, Day, etc." — mentioned the age of Juan Tamar. He was 91 years old when he died. He was born on June 11, 1912.

The same group constituted the political party that Luis Tirona joined in 1945. Tirona joined the Partido Scoutista ng Pilipinas (Scoutist Party of the Philippines) — and the Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas (Communist Party of the Philippines). In 1945, the two parties merged.

The same story maintained that after World War II, the Hakkos had changed its name to Hakkō Myōgakuin or Hōmei. It should have been Hakkō Myōgakuin or Hōmei (People's Life Service Society).

IN THE May 4 issue, a four-page story — "The children were the people, says Time 100" — mentioned that the Hula occurred there. Hula.org Magazine is a lay one. It should have been Hula.org Magazine up there.

The same year suggested that Ramon Magway was the de-facto secretary when Luis Yanes was elected in 1954. Magway was already the President then.

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from third to fourth to heaven and said, "Father the best time comes when I tell you that De Wetton gave glory to you. You have given glory to all mankind, and you kept him from coming before all men because of him. This is the reason why, to know you, the only way God, and the life you give him." (John 17:1-11)

"I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now Father, give me to your presence the same glory I had with you before the world began."

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

WILLIAM LUTHER PATTERSON (1862–1948) was a pioneer of the conservation movement, particularly among the people of the Pacific Northwest. He was born in 1862 in the town of Astoria, Oregon, and grew up on a farm. He attended the University of Oregon and graduated in 1884. He then worked for the Oregon State Game Commission and later for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He was a strong advocate of the conservation of natural resources and was instrumental in the establishment of the Oregon State Game Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He died in 1948 in the town of Astoria, Oregon.

JUETENG 'ROW' Just say no, bishop tells GMA

By Cleofilo V. Reyes and
Norman Borlaza

JUETENG, the so-called "betting" would be expected.

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Return of 'jueteng' awaited in Pampanga

By Thomas Orville
PNP General Counsel (Chief)

MANILA, Pampanga—The question is not so much whether or not General Lacsina is truly "jueteng" free.

Under supervision the illegal gambling game is considered to be most robust in terms of employment and coverage. Among an estimated 20,000 people not having sufficient funds among poor and middle-class folk in risk of crime, punters where the probability is over 80 percent—the game is more or less playing would remain.

For the police, the answer is certainly a far cry, at least as far as the playing marks in Manila.

"Jueting" (also may come in betting operations) will have a hard time winning P1, said Chief Insp. Alejandro Lapid, General Lacsina's police chief.

The Bureau investigated last Monday a week after the game had been stopped. Lapid said jueting operations had been reported to him since because the jurisdiction of General Lacsina (San Antonio, Pampanga) has been Police Chief was to ensure for "total stop."

"The first order of the day was to stop it," Lapid said, adding that police commanders in the province, cities and towns have been reminded of administrative sanctions should the game persist in their areas.

Lapid himself comes from a background of a supposed strong drive against jueting. On May 2, he replaced Chief Insp. Rodolfo Alano who, after winning the General Lacsina police post on Dec. 23 last year, had been allegedly collecting protection money shared as a 40-40 scheme with his brother-in-law among PNP officials and police units.

Alano, who was assigned to the PNP district office for research and development, admitted doing that.

Among volunteers (collected) displaced by the new drive, what was happening was simply a "jueting" case.

It's, they said, but a result of "cooperation" by their members of operations.

"We only stopped because our operations moved to another location. If we could have continued because this is our job," a collector in San Fernando, Pampanga's capital, said.

She claimed her boss, who operates a "household" allegedly from Buhala "Bong" Plaza, had received warnings, if not advice, from police officials.

The daily said she added, have made it easy for her boss to be paying P20,000 to his money. Pando, through his close relations, has denied collecting jueting protection in Central and Southern Luzon after the May 2004 election of three years since his supposed partner, former President Joseph Estrada, was ousted in January 2001 over the "jueting" scandal.

In San Fernando, at least five bar entries are stations using newspaper stalls as fronts have been removed since last week. Callers have stopped making the rounds of villages, subdivisions and even government offices.

Like in the past, the collector said the hoped jueting operation would not last long. It has the reputation was a matter of survival, as the street at least 20 percent for every post that was hit, in her case, the earned from P300 to P200 daily and double those amounts on payday and holidays. With a report from Pando on May 20, PNP has then taken Lacsina's



MANITANG FESTIVAL

Fireworks light up the sky during the Mantang Festival held at the Cebu boardwalk, across restaurants area in Manila City, Cebu.

PNP says running after 'jueteng' lords tough

MANILA—Jueting, Philippine National Police (PNP) General Director Lacsina, the top policeman of the country, admitted last night that it would be too hard for them to pin down alleged "jueting" lords in the country.

Lacsina told police were helpless in pursuing those involved in the illegal gambling game even though they were publicly known as being behind the form of gambling.

"We work by evidence. So long with existing resources. So if there are no witnesses to these cases, it's very very hard to investigate and to prosecute," he said in a radio interview on Friday.

Lacsina said it would take more than all the resources of society to eradicate this kind of gambling.

Police and government officials have been under fire lately for their failure to stop jueting.

They are believed to be covering up millions of peso game machines in the country.

The PNP has in its possession a search list which contains names of alleged jueting lords in the country, Lacsina said. But he refused to name names.

Asked if it contains the names of those in the list of Lacsina-Chapman Architects' partner Gen. Lacsina said he had not seen a yet and he has not furnished a copy of such list being held by the police.

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How audiences are assaulted by broadcasters

PG&F glad that some people are objecting to the proliferation of billboards in the suburbs. It's thoughtful to object. There were roadside signs, and even that is still a bigger and more concerted effort to utilize the landscape around us. This is visual pollution, and when that must be imposed to keep it from spreading.

VIEWFINDER



Andrew L. Jones

Another kind of media pollution are those giant billboards that are placed in the most scenic and scenic spots, and it's usually these people, trying to maximize the billboards' impact, that are the most offensive.

Second pollution is also reprehensible because it distracts the viewer from the scene, and it's usually these people, trying to maximize the billboards' impact, that are the most offensive.

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Amityville Horror Based on the Terrifying True Story Second of a series



Philip Michael Hoffman as Father Ray Blanchard who performed the exorcism that broke the Amityville curse

On November 13, 1974, police received a frantic phone call that led them to a nightmarish crime scene at the DeFos residence in Amityville, Long Island. The residents, Ronald DeFos continued to killing his beloved parents and four siblings, saying "demonic spirits" in the house possessed them and drove them to the massacre.

On December 18, 1975, the new owners, George and Kathleen Lutz and their children moved into the DeFos home. The parish priest Father Ray Blanchard arrived to bless the family's new home on the same day they moved in. While the Lutes welcomed their new home, the Catholic priest entered the house and began his first blessing. He made his way upstairs to the second floor and entered the northeast bedroom, which had been Mary and John DeFos' room.

As he sprinkled holy water around the room and uttered a prayer, he heard a loud male voice, allegedly say, "Get out!" Although the priest supposedly did not recall the family about the voice, he did warn them about the room, saying, "Don't use it as a bedroom. Don't let anyone sleep in there." According to a Good Housekeeping article, dated April 1977, the Lutes followed the priest's advice, turning the room into a sewing room.

From the very first night they moved in, the family claimed they felt strange vibrations. Anne's husband wrote that the family's personality had drastically changed. On one occasion, the young couple had their children with a sleep and large wooden spoon. After moving to the house, the children apparently had become brats.

Properly, things worsened over the next few weeks. From the stench of bile to the smell of cheap perfume, the family became increasingly perplexed by the mysterious odors that would emanate from different locations of the house. Black stains appeared on the walls and could not be lifted even with Clorox. Green slime ran down walls, although there appeared to be no water or source. Hundreds of flies appeared in the sewing room despite it being the dead of winter.

The phenomena that named physical. Kathy was victimized by unseen forces, which had sometimes forced her to leave. On the other hand, George would sit alone by the fireplace because he suffered from constant chills. In addition, he would wake up nightly at 3:15 a.m., assuming that there was a connection between that time and the hour the DeFos were killed.

As the months progressed, apparently the situation worsened again for the family. Anne reported that George would one night sit witness to white material into a 90-year-old. The next night, she began vomiting all the food, during her husband to grab her before she fainted away.

At one time, George almost cracked his entire family after hearing some voices in his head telling him to kill his family.

Realizing they needed help, the family contacted the same Catholic priest to ask him to return to perform another blessing. The priest had been taking the aftermath from the first blessing. Whenever was playing the family was also helping the priest.

After failing to get the priest to return, the family took matters into their own hands. Armed with candles, they walked through the house reciting the Lord's Prayer. A chorus of voices erupted in response, asking them, "Will you stop?"

After 28 days in the DeFos home, the family claimed they could take no more. They grabbed only a few belongings and fled the house, taking shelter at Kathy Lutz's mother's home in nearby Babylon.

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TWO-Shell grabs lead in Adventure Race

By Jennifer W. Papp

MANASSAS—An adventure race on the South Coast of New Jersey, the Two-Shell Adventure Race, took place on the South Coast of New Jersey on May 16. The race was held in the town of Manassas, New Jersey. The race was held in the town of Manassas, New Jersey. The race was held in the town of Manassas, New Jersey.

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A MEMBER OF Two-Shell runs down the track during the Two-Shell Adventure Race.



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Brilliant Jewels, Paint Masters eye crucial wins

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PALARONG PAMBANSA NCR show of might

By Peter Anthony Reyes

MANILA CITY—National Capital Region (NCR) athletes showed their prowess in the Palarong Pambansa NCR show of might. The athletes showed their prowess in the Palarong Pambansa NCR show of might.

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Sydney Kings hold off RP Team A

By John Mawson

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Four new venues tapped for Samsung Tour golf

By Jennifer W. Papp

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BUSINESS

RP taps international bond market anew to raise \$750M

By Michelle K. Barro

THE GOVERNMENT will auction off \$500 million to \$750 million worth of sovereign bonds starting in 2011 and 2012 to raise cash for its expenditures this year.

This will be the second time the Philippines will tap the international bond market this year. The first, which was the country's single biggest raise recorded so far, was in January when it sold \$1.5 billion worth of 21-year bonds.

National Treasurer Cesar Lim said the bonds would be traded in the next five days and that the government had tapped 20 Mar-

ques, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Bangkok, and London banks as advisors for the debt offering. Pricing of the bonds is expected next in Manila during late May's trading hours.

Lim said the country would initially look at generating \$100 million from the bond issue, although it could go up to \$750 million should there be a huge market for the bonds.

The government plans to borrow a total of \$4 billion this year from the foreign market to fund the budget deficit, which is estimated at nearly P100 billion by the end of the year, and to pay maturing obligations.

The bond launch will come

amid fiscal deliberations of the value-added-tax (VAT) bill in the bicameral legislative committee of Congress.

The Department of Finance earlier said the passage of the VAT bill was imperative to ensure that the government would substantially ease the country's fiscal problems. The bill, it stated, is intended to generate P60 billion to P90 billion in additional revenue a year.

Seeing the government is looking at about P300 million for each day of delay in the passage of the VAT measure, the DOW has called on Congress to finally wrap-up its discussions on the VAT bill.

Although there had been a deadlock between the lower house and the Senate over that respective versions of the VAT bill, a compromise is seen to be approved in the next few days.

The lower house agreed to the lifting of several VAT exemptions and a hike in the VAT rate from 10 to 12 percent, while the Senate opted to keep the VAT rate at 10 percent and expand value-added tax to services from 10 to 15 percent.

The proposed compromise is to keep the VAT rate at 10 percent, increase corporate income tax rate to 20 percent, and give President Manobo-Larua a grandly authority to raise the VAT rate if unanticipated expenses are met.



TOYOTA's Fortuner scores in lowest market segment for sports vehicles.

SUV sales seen growing

By Ramon R. Domingo

MANILA—Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. president said it was expanding local sports utility vehicle market to grow with the introduction of its Fortuner, the last of three models under its innovative international make program while (SMP) program.

SMP had launched the initial pickup last December and the latest multipurpose vehicle last February, with the latest lacking up sales for the commercial vehicle segment in the first two months of market entry.

Company first vice president Daniel M. Ma said SMP was targeting to sell 200 units of the Fortuner monthly. Fortuner will be marketed from Thailand.

Ma said the SUV segment had been the strongest in terms of growth for the company as well as for the entire local automotive industry.

He said the Fortuner was also

well to set up in the market share of mid-sized passenger cars, including users.

In a press statement, TRPM said its success will be developed by its with the 100 percent global quality standards that aim to produce vehicles that appeal to various markets and the market.

He then explained that SUVs consisted from the cross-over vehicles of the 1980s to the ones of the 2000s.

The Fortuner would be compared with Mitsubishi's Pajero, Daihatsu and Isuzu's Minicab, Nissan's Terrano, Ford's Expedition, Toyota's Land Cruiser, and Suzuki's Grand Vitara.

The new model will be available starting May 15 with an estimated price of P1.8 million, including taxes and a 3.5-liter, gasoline-powered engine about P1.2 million.

Aboutiz holding firm posts 42% profit rise

By Elizabeth Sanchez

SOLDING firm Aboutiz Equity Resources (AER) posted a 42 percent increase in its income for January to March over 42 percent to P646 million.

The growth came mainly from its power generation and distribution businesses.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), AER said its power group accounted for the

bulk of the first quarter income at a total of P300 million. This was 140 percent higher than the year-ago level. It said both the power distribution and generation companies posted a value performance.

AER's holding subsidiaries shipped in P200 million in revenue, up 75 percent from the same periodized year.

The company group, through Aboutiz Transport System Corp., however, booked the positive per-

formance, registering a net loss of one cent of P167.2 million, due largely to higher fuel costs and lower revenues.

Aboutiz Transport's revenue was down 4 percent from year-ago level. The firm's income registered in October last year and January this year were down enough to account for the additional loss brought about by the rising prices of fuel.

freight expenses cost that amounted approximately 32 percent of

SEN's revenue during the quarter, with the increase coming from passage operations.

AER said it was working on several measures to bring down its operating cost.

AER's PSE stock price ended at P112 million, an increase of 10 percent.

As of mid-March, AER's total assets amounted at P34 billion. The company paid cash dividends worth P100 million in March.

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